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FUNDING AND LEGISLATIVE SUPPLEMENT

DECEMBER 1973

Office of Grant Development
and Community Service

HEW-Labor Appropriations
Bill Clears Conference. Veto
Likely. NIE Slashed

EDUCATION

The joint conference report on HR 8877, HEW-Labor Appropriations for FY 1974, was filed late last week. The total of \$32,926,796 is \$1,376,843 above the administration's FY 1974 budget request. The total for education (U.S. Office of Education plus NIE) is \$6,210,968. Once the bill clears Congress, a presidential veto is anticipated, with a strong override effort then pushed by the education lobby and several segments of Congress. As rumored during the past few weeks, appropriations for the National Institute of Education were slashed to \$75 million, less than half of what the administration requested. This will mean a drastic curtailment of NIE programs during the coming year, including the possible elimination of the unsolicited research grants program.

NIH and NIMH has \$30 Million
for Research Manpower Program

RESEARCH

Individual and institutional research awards will be available from NIH, NIMH and the ADAMHA. Priorities are alcoholism, drug abuse, child mental health, depression, suicide, schizophrenia, brain and behavior, psychoactive drugs, crime and delinquency, aging, minorities, evaluation, mental health service management. At NIH the areas are adult development and aging, mental retardation, growth and development, sensory motor disorders, behavioral sciences, audiology and speech pathology.

Most awards will be to individuals, with only a few in extreme shortage areas going to institutions. Deadline for individuals is January 15, 1974.

NSF Describes RANN Program
for Decision-related Research in
the Field of Local Government

The Division of Social Systems and Human Resources supports applied research focused on increasing the effectiveness of policies, programs and management for dealing with selected problems.

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The objectives are to provide knowledge needed to improve delivery of local government services and to foster extensive utilization of validated alternatives among local governments. Research products must be policy tools, analyses or evaluations which will aid local governments. Deadline is January 24, 1974.

Office of Water Resources Sets
January Date for Research Project

The Office of Water Resources Research, U.S. Department of the Interior, has established a receipt deadline of January 11, 1974 for unsolicited research proposals in the field of water resources for support beginning July 1, 1974. Educational institutions, private foundations or other institutions, private firms, or individuals are eligible to apply. The Office of Water Resources Research has established the following priority research subject areas for its fiscal year 1975 competition:

1. Improvement of water resources planning, managerial, financial, operating and regulatory policies
2. Water resources policy in political institutions
3. Hydrolic systems analysis
4. Urban and metropoli tan water resources
5. Ecological aspects in environmental consideration of water resources planning and management
6. Evaluation of economic importance of various uses of water, cost allocation, cost sharing, pricing and repayment
7. Analysis and evaluation of water resources project
8. Ground water supply, management and protection
9. Protection and rehabilitation of estuarine resources
10. Thermal loading problems
11. Water demand considerations

Private Foundations Supporting Individual Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

The following is a brief list of private foundations which support research in the social and behavioral sciences. This list is not exhaustive, but does include most of the larger foundations interested in this area. For the address and name of the appropriate contact in these foundations, please contact the Office of Grant Development and Community Service, Ext. 2303.

Ford Foundation: Has special faculty fellowships in political science, sociology and dissertation fellowships in social sciences, ethnic studies. Also has a special series of fellowships for minority students. Population research and training still ongoing. Recently funded research on common problems of advanced industrial societies.

Foundations Fund for Research in Psychiatry: Interest is in training researchers. Recent applications have been heavily biased toward hard, biological research; would like more good applications for "soft" research. Would also like to hear from academics about areas FFRP should be supporting.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Now the second largest foundation in the world. Traditionally tied to medical research but appears ready to move into mental health, if only in a small way. Some grants have encompassed health education.

Rockefeller Foundation: Foundation now supports behavioral studies on population growth and studies of ethical issues in society. Also supports programs on cultural development, equal opportunity, and quality of environment. Programs now being reviewed by new president John Knowles.

Russell Sage Foundation: Most influential social science research foundation. Interested in social change - especially measurement and evaluation, human resources and education; social science and law; mass media; social biology; development of social science disciplines. More funds are available for study of problems of women in society. Foundation holds a sherry party the first Friday of every month for the public.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: Long-time interest in science, economics, management, higher education, etc. Newer interest in neurosciences, but behavioral research is secondary to basic research on brain function and nervous system. Special interests: nervous system and behavior, molecular basis for learning. Also have funded important studies of heroin usage in urban areas and problems of the elderly under the Student Task Forces program.

Spencer Foundation: Research oriented focus is behavioral sciences as they relate to education. Within these boundaries, main interests are early childhood development; hinderances to educational development; problems of organization and administration in educational institutions; behavioral sex differences; social and economic effects of education.

Foundation for Child Development: One of the major foundations supporting projects designed to plan, experiment with, evaluate or survey health and social services for young children. Favors projects that consider children in the context of home or community rather than laboratory.

Commonwealth Fund: Most funding connected with medical education. Move toward funding behavioral research, although still connected with schools of medicine.

Erickson Educational Foundation: Sponsors research, seminars, workshops on transexualism and other gender identity problems.

Grant Foundation: Heavily biased toward basic research. Main areas: infant and child development; neuroscience; primate behavior; disadvantaged groups. Also supports graduate education and training in behavioral sciences and are interested in the relationship between law and social science.

Kittay Scientific Foundation: Established to recognize and communicate purely scientific accomplishments in psychiatry and allied sciences. Focus now on improving standards of mental health.

Parapsychology Foundation: Supports conferences and symposiums.

Police Foundation: Flexible funding for research and projects aimed at improved crime-fighting and police-community relations.

Resources for the Future: Heavy support of economics, in-house and extramural research on environment.

Christopher D. Smithers Foundation: Grants for education and training in alcoholism prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

Van Ameringen Foundation: Focus is mental health and behavioral sciences. More interested in programs than basic research.

Wenner-Gren Foundation: Remains only foundation devoted to anthropological research, conferences and symposiums. Emphasizes seed grants to established scholars but offers limited assistance to younger scholars at the pre- or post-doctoral level.

The Aquinas Fund: Main purpose is to finance research and disseminate information relating to psychological, educational, sociological and medico-psychological science.

Arca Foundation: Interest in how to change human behavior through effective communication. Currently concentrating on communication problems in family planning.

Maurice Falk Medical Fund: Focus on mental health projects; the expansion of mental health and public policy knowledge; particularly problems of economics and practical politics in delivery of mental health services.

Institute of Life Insurance: Modest grant program for basic research on the family.

Lucias N. Littauer Foundation: Supports research and publications in humanities and social sciences.

Remember also that the various divisions within the National Science Foundation, particularly Biological and Medical Sciences, Social Sciences, Social Systems and Human Resources and Exploratory Research and Problem Assessment, support individual research and special projects in the area of social and behavioral sciences.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Arts Endowment Sets Visual Arts FY 1974 Guidelines

The Visual Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts recently published its FY 1974 list of deadlines for various grants programs. This Program provides assistance to individual artists, painters, sculptors, print makers, photographers, and craftsmen for the commissioning and placement of art works in public places; for short-term residencies of artists, critics, photographers and craftsmen in educational and cultural institutions; and for a variety of flexible programs, including workshops, short-term activities and artists services. Grants are basically of two kinds: fellowships available to individuals and project grants to organizations. Interested individuals may receive application blanks and further information from the Visual Arts Program, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506. (202) 382-7086.

Deadline Date

Name of Program

November 30
December 15
January 1

Fellowship Program for Artists (12 month award) FY '74
Craftsmen Fellowships, FY '74
Works of Art in Public Places (purchased work and small pilot projects). FY '74

Deadline Date

January 15
 February 1

 February 15
 May 30
 July 1
 Open
 (no specific date)

Name of Program

Photography: Exhibition Aid, FY'74
 Fellowship Program for Artists (6 month awards - younger artists),
 FY '74
 Visual Arts in the Performing Arts, FY '74
 Photographer Fellowships, FY '75
 Arts Critics Fellowships, FY '75

 Artists, Photographers, Critics and Craftsmen in Residence
 Program
 Works of Art in Public Places (Specially commissioned work)
 Artists Services

December Date Set for Rome
 Prize Fellowships

The American Academy in Rome has established a December 31 deadline for receipt of applications for this year's Rome Prize Fellowships. These Fellowships are awarded for creative work and advanced research in fine arts, art history and classical studies. A special fellowship is offered in post-classical and humanistic literature and musicology. It is expected that this study will center on a subject connected with Rome and her institutions and their relations with the rest of Europe in the post-classical period (AD 1300-AD 1800) and it will be based on source material primarily available in Rome. The award stipend is \$4,500 plus free residence, studio or study, library and other facilities at the American Academy in Rome. Married fellows with children who must be housed outside the Academy's premises receive an additional allowance of \$1,200 towards the rental of an apartment. U.S. citizenship is required for application.

SSRC Sets January Date for
 Inter-American Research
 Training Seminars

The Social Science Research Council has set a deadline date of January 15, 1974 for fellowships offered at two eight-week seminars held in Latin America or the United States during June through August 1974. These seminars provide young scholars with intensive training in new substantive areas of research, methods of analysis, and project design for future research on Latin America or the Caribbean. Eligible are graduate students and junior faculty members trained in disciplines relevant to the subject of each seminar and possessing a working knowledge of Portuguese or Spanish. Citizens or permanent residents of countries in Latin America, the United States and Canada may apply.

Smithsonian Institution Sets
 January Date for Postdoctoral
 Fellowships

The Smithsonian Institution has established a January 15 deadline date for receipt of applications to its postdoctoral Fellowship Program. The Smithsonian offers appointments to those who wish to pursue postdoctoral research assignments in science, humanities, and the arts in collaboration with a member of the professional research staff of the Institution. Most appointments are for

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twelve months; however, a minimum tenure of six months at a Smithsonian facility is required in order to receive a stipend. A limited number of \$10,000 per annum stipends, supplemented by research and travel allowances, will be offered. Applicants must possess the Ph.D. or equivalent degree, and appointments are generally limited to those who have received the degree within five years of commencing their work at the Smithsonian.

ACLS Sets February Deadline for Grants-In-Aid

The American Council of Learned Societies has established a deadline of February 15 for applications to its Grants-In-Aid Program. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to U.S. or Canadian holders of the doctorate for personal expenses needed to advance a specific program of research in progress.

City of New York Offers Urban Fellows Competition

New York City will select twenty college seniors and graduate students to work in some area of New York City government for the duration of the academic year. In addition, fellows will attend regularly scheduled seminars led by government officials and public figures.

The City grants each fellow an award of \$4,000 and travel expenses to and from New York. There is no limitation on the background or field of study of the applicant. However, if the applicant expects to graduate in June 1974, he must be admitted to a graduate school which grants degree credit for participatio

Deadline for applications is January 31, 1974.

If you have any questions about the information included here, or about any other programs, please call the Office of Grant Development and Community Service, Ext. 2301 or 2303.